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Northern Region News



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Region Meets Wildfire Challenge

The summer of 1988 will be remembered for years to come. In this unprecedented fire season, records have been set or broken and many first-time events occurred. The Region's first fire, on February 21 near Whitehall, Montana, gave an indication of what was ahead. On June 5, the Earlybird Fire on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation started the summer off. Fires started continued and burned easily in the tinder-dry forests and grasslands.

By July 23, the fire situation in the Region was complex enough to require mobilization of the Regional Incident Coordinating Organization (RICO), a team assembled when Regional coordination is required to manage resources and facilitate information dispersal. As the numbers and complexity of fires, and involvement with other agencies increased, another organization, the Northern Rockies Multi-agency Coordinating Team (known as MAC), was activated. Through information gathered by RICO, the MAC group assesses the overall fire situation, assigns priorities to fires, and deals with issues and problems. The MAC team is made up of representatives from the Forest Service, National Park Service, States of Montana, Idaho and North Dakota, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Bureau of Land Management. A unified area command was established in West Yellowstone to monitor the suppression activities there.

Dry lightning storms and wind continued to hit the Region through July, August and into September. By August 30, over 1 million acres were involved. When crews and supplies became scarce, the National Guard, Army, Marine Corps, private citizens, and Canadian firefighters joined the effort. At one point 15,700 firefighters (including overhead) were working on fires in the Northern Region, and Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks. They represented nearly every State in the U.S. By September 17, there were

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A Message From The Regional Forester

Practically every employee in the Northern Region was involved in one way or another with the wildfires of 1988. Those who didn't served in some capacity on a fire, felt the impact of extra work from those who were gone. We were all stretched. We were asked to work longer and harder, and more efficiently. We were asked to put our skills to their maximum use. Our patience, endurance and abilities were tested.

I am extremely proud of all of you for the way you met this serious fire situation - the worst ever experienced in the Northern Region since the Forest Service was initiated. Your response to the situation speaks well of our Region and of the Forest Service as an agency. I want you to know that your efforts were greatly appreciated, not only in your work arena, but by me, the Regional Office staff, the many other agencies we worked with in this effort, and by Chief Robertson and his staff. Thank you, and keep up the good work.

Smokejumpers Well Prepared For Fire Season

There was no shortage of work for the 27 rookies who trained to be smokejumpers at the Missoula Smokejumper Base last spring, and after weeks of rigorous training they were ready for what the summer offered.

To get accustomed to climbing trees, the new jumpers ascended specially set-up tree poles to a height of at least 60 feet, with spurs on their feet and a rope around the tree. They practiced "let-downs" - releasing themselves from a parachute that's hung up in a tree and lowering themselves to the ground. With safety ropes attached, they jumped from the 40 ft. "shock tower," to simulate the experience they would have exiting from a plane. In between they did push-ups.

They learned to construct a fireline and use a cross-cut saw. They were taught about pumps, engines and chain saws, jumping gear, radios, maps, compasses and first aid. Finally, they were required to carry a 110 lb. pack for three miles, and an 85 lb. pack out of mountainous terrain.



John Kovalicky on his first jump.
Photos by Laird Robinson.



An aspiring jumper goes through four weeks of intensive physical, mental and emotional preparation before the first jump, and then jumps seven times before being sent to his or her first fire. Not all rookies make it through training, but those who do are, without exception, fit for the job ahead of them. Even experienced jumpers retrain for a week before their first fire of the season.

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active fires on almost 2,400,000 acres. Of that, nearly 1,600,000 acres were in the Greater Yellowstone Area, and 313,000 acres were controlled.

Although the figures haven't yet been totaled, a record amount of retardant was dropped on these fires. Out of the Missoula base alone, the 1-millionth gallon was dropped on August 31. Military aircraft flew 552 missions and dropped 1,656,000 gallons of retardant.

The situation had become so hazardous that on September 6, Montana State Governor, Ted Schwinden, closed the State to all non-essential activities outside cities and towns, hunting season was delayed, and several major logging companies voluntarily pulled their logging crews out of the forests. Fire conditions were seen this year that may have never been witnessed before. The combination of extremely dry fuels in steep, inaccessible terrain, fuel moistures of as low as 2%, no moisture recovery at night, and strong winds, often caused fires to make extensive runs, increasing their acreage many times. It was a fire season we won't soon forget, and never before have fall rains and snow been so welcomed.



Marge Phillips and Aaron Aylsworth climb to the clouds.



Under a watchful eye, a jumper practices "let-downs."



Instructor Bill Meadows gives some pointers on tree-climbing to Marge Phillips.

Note !!!! A special fire issue is planned for the future. Your articles and pictures, particularly about employees, are welcome.

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Lifesaving Awards

from information submitted by Laurie Johnson, Fernan District

Several Fernan Ranger District employees were recently honored for being the first to receive the Lifesaving Award, a silver belt buckle depicting the Forest Service shield engraved and enclosed in glass.

Gary Reynolds, Crockett Dumas, Pat Sheridan, Don Kole, Harlan Johnson, Teri Johnson, Bob Forbes and Steve Bess (the last four have since left the Forest) were all involved in the heroic rescue of a man from a pickup overturned in the St. Joe River. Bob Cameron was trapped inside his nearly emersed pickup with water up to his chin and only a few inches of breathing space left. It was a dark, cold, windy night in May, 1987. The men took turns holding the pickup's door open against the river's forceful flow, while the others rigged up a come-a-long to the front axle to spring the seat forward and free the man. The group, some of them EMTs, treated Cameron for hypothermia after the rescue and transported him to a hospital 40 miles away.

In another incident, in March 1988, Allen Wruck, a sales administrator enroute to work, came upon a car submerged in Lake Coeur d'Alene. Loella Preston, age 70, had slid on a patch of ice on State Highway 97. She had escaped the vehicle and was struggling to swim in the 34-degree water. Wruck jumped into the lake, brought her ashore and took her to Kootenai Medical Center.

Thanks folks! Not only are your rescuees appreciative, the rest of us are too. It's employees like you that make the Forest Service the super organization it is.

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After The Fires

Recently Regional Forester John Mumma formed a task force to help pull together the post-fire recovery effort at the Regional level. The resource situation on each fire will be inventoried. Rehabilitation and investment needs will be determined, and each fire will be assessed in terms of the land management plan. Fire suppression reviews will be conducted, a historical record and evaluation of each fire will be made, and State-wide recognition will be provided for all of the fire suppression efforts. A central data base is being established in the Regional Office as a focal point for resource and cost information. This will be available for expected research and studies as well as damage assessment.

Eight major projects were identified as needed to accomplish this recovery effort, and managers appointed for each project. Bob Schrenk, of TCFPM, Regional Office, is the interim overall coordinator for the projects, until a permanent person is named. Ernie Nunn, Helena Forest Supervisor, will be responsible for interagency coordination with the State of Montana, and Laird Robinson, IO, will coordinate all public involvement. Bert Kulesza, RAWE in the Regional Office, is the co-coordinator, along with John Varley of Yellowstone National Park, of a parallel effort for the Greater Yellowstone Area. Kulesza is the liaison between the two groups. A Regional Board of Directors, including Ernie Nunn and Staff Directors Ron Haag, Beth Horn, Jim Reid and Jim Hagemeyer will oversee the effort.

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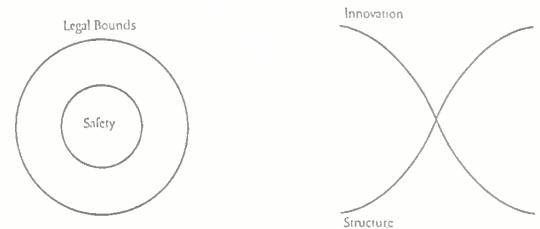
Region One Pilot Program Moving Ahead

by Lynn Burditt, Ranger, Tally Lake District, Flathead NF

"The more you run over a dead cat, the flatter it gets, and we have a lot of runover, flattened-out cats lying around in the Federal government in the form of great ideas that have been killed," said Chief Dale Robertson.

Dale started his speech to the government-wide conference on quality and productivity with that statement. It embodies the concept behind the Pilot initiative. He started the Pilot program in 1985 to help create a new work climate that would foster the creativity and innovation needed to reduce red tape, and allow us to do our job better.

This diagram illustrates the point. The objective is to move out of the self (agency)-imposed safety zone, yet accomplish our jobs within legal bounds and basic policy, using a lot of common sense.



Taking Risks

The outside circle represents the farthest legal bounds of action. The middle circle represents a fail-safe area; the area that makes an organization comfortable, and sometimes counterproductive. The workforce at each Pilot Unit was urged to move closer to the outer circle.

Structure vs. Innovation

The left side of this drawing represents the beginning of an organization when the motivation to perform is high and the structure associated with the creative process is low. As the organization grows, the driving spirit begins to wane as meeting the needs of the procedural controls begins to take priority over meeting goals. The workforce was urged to rid themselves of unnecessary burdens-to take risks-and focus on objectives.

What does all this mean to us? Through efforts of Regional Forester John Mumma, Region One has been designated a Pilot Region. He has granted all Forests and the Regional Office that same Pilot status. John Mumma is so committed to change that he has said, "I am the only one who can say no concerning proposals within my authority." He said, "Our challenge is this: unleash the creativity and innovativeness of our employees and get their ideas translated into actions to make the Northern Region more effective."

Many ideas are already being proposed and approved on the Forests and in the Regional Office. One significant change in the Region, resulting from the pilot program, will be the FY 1988 budget process. The new process will allow flexibility in how dollars are spent to accomplish agreed-upon objectives.

Each individual Forest is free to examine themselves and decide where change is appropriate. Ideas or changes which go beyond the authority of the Forest Supervisor should be submitted to Bob Schrenk in the Regional Office. We will keep you posted of other changes and results of the Pilot program in future issues of this newsletter.

Indian Students Learn



Students at the Montana Inter-Tribal Youth Practicum on the Flathead Indian Reservation.

Below: Plains Ranger District operations crew gather teepee poles for the Montana Youth Practicum.



The campsite at the Montana Inter-Tribal Youth Practicum on the Flathead Indian Reservation.

Each year since 1973, Indian Tribal Nations in Montana have held summer camps for their teenage youth to provide them with a better understanding of tribal government and culture. In 1982 when the Forest Service became a co-sponsor of the youth "practicum," natural resource management and career opportunities were added to the curriculum.

This year 72 students from six reservations representing nine Indian tribes attended the Montana Inter-Tribal Youth Practicum (MITYP). The camp, which was hosted by and conducted on the Flathead Indian Reservation, was artfully set on the North Fork of the Jocko River, northeast of Arlee, Montana, with the high peaks of the Mission Mountain Wilderness for a backdrop.

Ira Jones, Regional Native American Program Manager, said the youth camps provide Indian youth with knowledge of tribal governments, natural resources, and issues and concerns facing Indian tribes today. "This experience can help prepare Native American young people for the future," he said. "It gives them an opportunity to meet new friends, associate with Tribal leaders, and work with professionals in natural resource management." Students are selected for attendance on the basis of leadership achievement and scholastic ability.

Both the Clearwater and Nez Perce NF's launched their first Native American Youth Camps this spring, each working with the Nez Perce Tribe. The Clearwater's camp, held at Musselshell Work Center on the Pierce Ranger District, was patterned after the MITYP. This very successful venture was lead by Dallas Emch, Palouse Ranger District. The Nez Perce NF held their first youth camp at Adams Camp under the leadership of Bob Post, Elk City District.

An exercise called "Mystic Mountain" was one of the primary teaching tools at the practicums held on the Flathead Reservation and Clearwater NF. Students were grouped into "mythical tribes," each with a specific social, economic, educational and financial profile. "Each tribe was given the description of Mystic Mountain, a simulated land area, and instructed to develop a natural resource land use plan for three 10-year planning periods," said Mary Bowman, Public Information Assistant for the Clearwater NF.

Resource Management

A spokesperson was elected from each tribe to present the management plan to the whole student body, the faculty and advisors, and most important, to the Tribal Council. The Tribal Council then selected the best management plan.

"The students worked hard," said Bowman, and were rewarded with some well-deserved recreation." There were volleyball, basketball, and softball tournaments, archery, stick games, and cultural activities like the sweat lodge, teepee pitching, and beadwork. The week ended with a pow-wow, awards ceremony and bar-b-que.

The Nez Perce NF youth camp was geared to 6th-8th grade students rather than high school students, as the other two



Pierce District Ranger Tom Blunn instructs students during a field trip at the Clearwater NF's Youth Camp. Photo by Dallas Emch, Chrm. of the Forest's Human Resources Committee.



Students at the Clearwater NF's Youth Camp presenting land management plans for the Mystic Mountain exercise. Photo by Dallas Emch.

camp. There, the Native American youth learned about archeology, wildlife, range, tribal history of the area and root gathering. They learned Indian songs and drumming, and enjoyed fishing, stick games and Indian story-telling.

At the Montana practicum, a chief and princess are selected by the students each year and crowned during a ceremony on the last day. Michelle Feather Earring from Ft. Peck, last year's princess, performed the crowning of Chief Calvin Walks Over Ice from the Crow Tribe and Princess Tina Begay, Flathead Tribe. Michelle is an employee of Plains Ranger District and is attending the University of Montana this fall.

Michelle, along with Melanie Goss and Shelly Fyant, also Native Americans and Forest Service employees, spoke to the students at MITYP on career opportunities through higher education. Another highlight was a presentation on smokejump-

ing by Larry Eisenman and Steve Clairmont of the Missoula Aerial Fire Depot.

Jones said this is the 7th year Region One has co-sponsored the Montana practicum. Last year Region Nine and Region Five each held their first practicum, patterned after the MITYP. Rich Williamson, RO personnel, assisted Region Nine, and Dena Williams and Ira Jones went to Region Five to help set up a practicum on the Six Rivers NF.



*Above: Larry Eisenman and Steve Clairmont of Missoula Aerial Fire Depot demonstrate fire fighting equipment using one of the students as a model.
Left: A pow-wow ended the week.*

News Briefs

Happy Birthday to W.K. "Bill" Samsel, former Missoula District Ranger who retired in 1961. Bill, who celebrated his 90th birthday recently, started working for the Forest Service in 1924. He was District Ranger on the Montour, Seeley Lake, Helena, Plains, Bonita and Missoula Districts. Bill now resides at St. Joseph Convalescent Center in Polson, Montana.

Bob Morgan, Bitterroot NF Supervisor, is seriously ill in St. Patrick Hospital in Missoula.

Dave Filius, Supervisor of the Custer NF for the past four years, reported to his new position as Supervisor of the Superior NF in Minnesota, September 11.

A 25th Anniversary Celebration at Bozeman Forestry Sciences Laboratory was held September 22. The Intermountain Research Station's Laboratory in Bozeman held a rededication ceremony, open house, and buffet to help commemorate 25 years of forestry research in Bozeman. Established in 1963, studies at Bozeman FSL have included subalpine forest silviculture, forest road construction, range ecology, wood utilization, biological control of forest pests and grizzly bear ecology. The laboratory, located on the Montana State University campus, also houses the National Park Service Interagency Grizzly Bear Team, and an APHIS biological insect control project.



David Spores

Regional Office

New Staff Director

David M. Spores is the new Director of Timber, Cooperative Forestry and Pest Management for Region One. Formerly Asst. Director of Timber Management/Sales in the Washington Office, Spores reported to the Northern Region in August. He's a native of Bonners Ferry, Idaho, and a forest management graduate of the University of Idaho. A veteran of 21 years with the Forest Service, Spores first worked on the West Fork Ranger District and Trapper Creek Job Corps Center, Bitterroot NF. He worked on Canyon and Lochsa Districts, Clearwater NF; and Swan Lake District, Flathead NF. He was District Ranger on Libby District, Kootenai NF and following that, a staff officer for the Nez Perce NF. In 1983 Spores was named Staff Assistant to the Director of Timber Management in the Washington Office, and since 1984, was Assistant Director of Timber Management for Timber Sales.

In Memoriam

Janice Boley, landscape architect on the Flathead NF, died suddenly September 11, apparently of natural causes. She had been working for the Forest as a temporary employee since March of 1987, and previous to that worked on the Payette NF in Region Four. She was 27.

William Morris, lifetime resident of the Bitterroot area, and former Forest Service employee, died September 3 at age 79, in Stevensville.

W. Howard Johnson, former Director of Timber Management for Region One, died March 10 at his home in Bainbridge Island, Washington, at age 80. Johnson served in Region One in the early 1960's, then became Regional Forester for Region Ten. He retired in 1971.

Ralph E. Bolles, former Forest Service employee at Sula, St. Regis, and Gardiner, died June 29 in Plentywood, Montana at age 75.

Walter LaFon, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, died July 18 at age 80. He had worked as a dispatcher in the Coeur d'Alene NF supervisor's office.

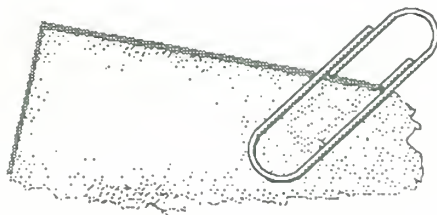
Marvin M. Monfils, died June 16 at his home in Columbia Falls, Montana. He worked for the Forest Service from 1968 until his retirement in 1982 and was 67 at the time of his death.

Mattison Spencer, former employee of Powell Ranger Station, Clearwater NF, and of the Lolo NF, died August 25 in Hamilton at age 85. Spencer retired from the Lolo NF in 1968.

Retirements

Ernest Wells, Nez Perce NF, retired in June after 26 years on the Clearwater Ranger District. Wells was a forestry technician working in recreation.

Wayne Bousfield, staff entomologist for the Regional Office since 1967, retired in August after 34 years of Federal service. Bousfield also worked on the Tahoe and Rogue River NF's, and in the Northern Region office in Spokane, Washington. He and his wife plan to remain in Missoula.



Personnel Actions

BEAVERHEAD NATIONAL FOREST

HARRY, LEE, frstr, Dillon RD, promotion, SO
HAVIG, DENNIS, rge cons, Gallatin NF, promotion, Wisdom RD
KRUZEN, DARRELL, frstr, BIA, reassign, Wisdom RD
MYERS, DIANE, frstr, Wise River RD, promotion

CUSTER NATIONAL FOREST

BOWEN, PAMELA, geol, McKenzie RD, cash award
BROWN, LETA, info asst SO, promotion
ENDERUD, CHERYL A, appli clk, McKenzie RD, prom, cash award
FRIDLEY, BETTY ANN, clk typ, McKenzie RD, cash award
GILMAN, BOB, suprvy rge con, prom to Ashland RD from Ochoco NF
KNUTSON, JESS ANN, rge tech, McKenzie RD, prom
MATOZEVICH, MICHAEL D, sprvsy frstr, McKenzie RD, cash award
NEWELL, SUSAN, convync exam, Custer SO, promotion
PHILLIPE, TODD, frstr, McKenzie RD, cash award
SANDIFER, KEITH, geol, detail to Custer SO from R10
STOTTS, BRYAN, wildl biol, McKenzie RD cash award
THORNTON, TINA, appli clk, Medora RD, cash award
VOGT, ANN, clk typ, Custer SO, promotion
ZIKE-KOCH, SUE, Indscp archt, reassign to Region 6

DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST

ABT, RICHARD, Philipsburg RD conv to CC apt
ALLEY, JOHN, visual info spec, cash award
BECK, BARB, promotion to RO RNWL
BOWEN, PALMER, cash award for TSPIRS project
COUTTS, TEDDI, reassignment to SO compr asst.
CRAWFORD, CHERYL F., Jefferson RD exc appt cond.
FABER, BEV, temp promotion Anaconda CCC
FREY, CATHY, resour clk, cash award
GRINDE, PETE, rge reassignment to Custer NF
HANSON, RON, cash award for TSPIRS project
HENNINGSEN, RICK, frstry tech, cash award
HODGE, BOB, Butte RD exc appt cond
HODGE, BOB, frstry tech, cash award
JOHNS, BOB, Cash award for TSPIRS project
JOHNS, MICHAEL, rec spec, cash award
JOHNSTON, JAMES P, rec asst, cash award
KAMRUD, TED, Jeffers on RD conv to CC apt
MCNAMARA, JAMES, carto tech, cash award
MOSES, GERALD, soc serv asst, cash award
MOUCHE, NANCY, reassignment to Philipsburg RD
MURRAY, LEE, promotion frstr tech, Philipsburg RD
NIELSEN, BOJE, Indscp archt, cash award
ORVIS, CLAUDE, cash award for TSPIRS project
PATERNI, MIKE, dist ranger, cash award
PAYNE, DAVE, Philipsburg RD reassignment to Helena NF
PAYNE, FERN, SO, reassignment to Helena NF
POCHELON, REMY, promotion frstr Flathead NF
RADOMAN, ORA, senior citizen, cash award
RAPPE-DANIELS, OLLEKE, promotion AO Dldg NF
REID, KIM, reassignment to Bighorn NF
RINTALA, RUSS, SO exc appt cond
RITTHALER, MIKE, temp promotion, Anaconda CCC
ROCHE, WANDA, reassignment to Butte RD
RODMAN, SUE, cash award for TSPIRS project
RUTTENBUR, LOU, senior citizen, cash award
SAJOR-JOYCE, LINDA, cash award for TSPIRS project
SLAUGHTER, STEVEN, temp promotion, frstr
STRICKLAND, LINSEY, civil eng tech, cash award
SULLIVAN, TIM, hydrol, cash award
SWALLING, ROY, frstry tech, cash award
THOMPSON, HELEN, senior citizen, cash award
WAHL, BRIAN, civil eng tech, cash award for suggn
WEIKEL, BOBBI, cash award for TSPIRS project

GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST

ANDERSON, TERRI, supv civ eng, SO, promotion
BURNETT, ELLEN, purch agnt, Wayne-Hoosier NF, reassign, SO
GOWAN, ROGER, frstr, Nez Perce NF, reassign, Bozeman RD
JACKSON, FRANK, oper res analyst, Shoshone NF, reassign, SO
SPEARSON, CAROL, pers mgmt spec, SO, promotion

HELENA NATIONAL FOREST

BOGART, JIM, forestry tech, Lincoln RD, reassignment
BROCK, CARLYLE, frstry tech, reassign, Helena RD from Mt. Hood NF
ENGLISH, ROBERTA, inf rec, Helena SO, promotion
MARTIN, NAOMI, frstr, Helena RD, prom to Flathead NF
PARRISH, JIM, frstry tech, Helena SO, reassign to Mt. Hood NF
PAYNE, FERN, res clk, reassign to Helena RD from Deer Lodge NF
SCOTT, DAVE, frstry tech, Lincoln RD, reassign
SMITH, DALE, forester, Lincoln RD, reassignment
TOBOL, SHARON, res clk, named Employee of the Month for June

IDAHO PANHANDLE NATIONAL FORESTS

COLLOTZI, ALBERT, reassign to dist ranger, Priest Lk
GUSTAFSON, AUDREY, forstr, Ottawa NF, reassign forstr, Nursery
HARDEN, BETTY, compr progmr, promotion, SO
JOHNSTON, LeAnn, clk tyst, SO, promotion pers clk
LOPER, DONALD, conv. to exc appt co-op, Avery RD
MOORE, JERRY, crim inves, BLM, Sacramento, CA, prom to crim inves, SO
MYHRE, JOHN, promotion suprv. forstry tech.
PEINERT, CLAIBORNE, resource clk, prom res asst, Wallace RD
POSTON, EDNA, laborer, retired, Nursery
ROSENBERG, WILLIAM, tractor operator, retired, Nursery
WHITMER, JOHN, exc appt co-op trng, Bonners RD

LEWIS & CLARK NATIONAL FOREST

BERGSTOM, ROGER, frstry tech, Rocky Mtn RD, reassign
DARLING, ROBERT, frstry tech, SO promotion
KARLSON, MARIE, clerk, Kings Hill RD, accession
McBRATNEY, BRADLEY, range con, Rocky Mtn RD, reassign
STEERMAN, ROGER, frstry tech, Judith RD, promotion

LOLO NATIONAL FOREST

ABLUTZ, MICHAEL, frstr, Flathead NF, prom to frstr, Ninemile RD
COLEMAN, BARBARA, info recep, Ninemile RD, cash award
CRISPIN, WILLIAM, civ eng tech, Plains/Thompson Falls RD, cash award
CUNNINGHAM, ROBERT, lead frstr tech, AFD, cash award
DESCHAMPS, SHIRLEY, resour clk, Ninemile RD, cash award
DUCE, KENNETH, archt, SO, cash award
FRANK, EMILY, clk typ, RO TM, career-cond appt to clk typ, Missoula RD
FORTENBERRY, ELLEN, resour spec, SO, cash award
GUTHNECK, MICHAEL, frstr, Superior RD, cash award
JOHNSON, TERI, clk typ, SO, reassign to pers clk, SO
KULLA, ANDREW, frstr, Superior RD, cash award
MITCHELL, LEWIS, compr asst, Seeley Lake RD, prom to compr asst, Wenatchee NF, R6
ODEGARD, PETER, civ eng tech, Missoula RD, cash award
RAINES, RICH, civ eng tech, Plains/Thompson Falls eng zone, reassign to Seeley Lake eng zone
ROBINSON, LAIRD, pub affairs spec, RO, cash award
SCHLADER, RONALD, supv civ eng tech, Superior RD, cash award
SEITZ, RICHARD, prog anal, SO, cash award
SPRINGER, ROSALINE, supp serv supv, Plains/Thompson Falls RD, cash award
SHIMADA, GERRY, oper resour analyst, SO, cash award
STACK, DAVID, frstr, Missoula RD, cash award
STEVENS, CAROL, illustrator, SO, cash award
STEWART, FRED, econ, SO, cash award
STEWART, MICHAEL, civ eng tech, Missoula RD, cash award
THOMPSON, GENE, frstr tech, Missoula RD, cash award
THURMOND, CAROL, geol, Payette NF, R4, promotion to geol, Lolo SO

Coming Events

A Retirement Party for Bob Morgan, Bitterroot NF Supervisor, will be at the Village Red Lion Inn, Missoula, on October 15. Social hour at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 7:00 (roast sirloin of beef, \$13). Everyone is invited. Please reserve a place by calling (406) 363-3131, or write Bitterroot NF, 316 N. Third, Hamilton, MT 59840, by October 1. Advance payment requested. Make checks payable to Bitterroot Retirement Fund. A Book of Letters is being compiled. Send your contributions to the Forest, attn: Receptionist.

A 50th Anniversary Celebration for Selway District's Fenn Ranger Station is being planned for June 28, 1990. This station, built by the CCC's, will be nominated next spring for the National Register of Historic Places. A committee of interested friends is forming to 1) assist in the research, collection and interpretation of historical information of the area, 2) help plan for presentations at the party, and 3) meet and work with CCC alumni, past and present Forest Service employees, and local citizens. Anyone interested in helping to plan this "birthday party," or help with the nomination effort, please contact Ranger Gloria Flora, Selway District, HC 75, Box 91, Kooskia, ID 83539 as soon as possible.

Old photos taken during and following construction of Fenn Station, both inside and out, would be helpful in the documentation process for the nomination. The District would be very grateful for the loan of photos. Copies will be made and the photos returned promptly.

Help Wanted



****Attention FS china lovers and ex-procurement staffers****

We need your help to learn more about the Forest Service china used in ranger stations throughout the country. Were you involved in ordering Forest Service china? Do you have an old, treasured coffee cup at home with the familiar FS shield? Any information about companies, patterns, dates, ordering procedures and so on would be greatly appreciated. If you can help, please contact Gary McLean, Forest Archaeologist, Flathead National Forest, 1935 Third Ave. East, Kalispell, MT 59901. We look forward to hearing from you.

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